

REMARKS

Applicant has received and carefully reviewed the Office Action of the Examiner mailed March 4, 2009. Currently, claims 1-15, 17-19 and 23-26 are pending, wherein claims 1-15 and 23-26 have been allowed, claims 8 and 11 have been objected to, and claims 17-19 and 26 have been rejected. With this paper, claims 8 and 11 have been amended, and claims 17-19 and 26 have been canceled without prejudice. Support for the amendments may be found in the specification, claims, and drawings as originally filed. No new matter has been added. Favorable consideration of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating that claims 1-15 and 23-26 are allowable.

Claims 8 and 11 are objected to because of informalities. The Examiner has indicated that claim 8 lacks antecedent basis for the term "the holes." The Examiner has also indicated that claim 11 is missing a comma, resulting in a grammatical error. Claims 8 and 11 have been amended accordingly. Withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

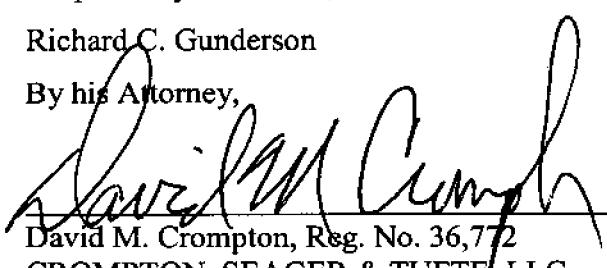
Claims 17, 19, and 26 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Lam et al. (US 5,725,572). Claims 17, 18, and 26 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by DiCaprio (U.S. Patent Pub. No. 2003/0121148). Applicant respectfully traverses these rejections. Claims 17-19 and 26 have been canceled without prejudice rendering the rejection moot.

Reexamination and reconsideration are respectfully requested. It is respectfully submitted that all pending claims are now in condition for allowance. Issuance of a Notice of Allowance in due course is requested. If a telephone conference might be of assistance, please contact the undersigned attorney at (612) 677-9050.

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